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SUBJ: HIGH COMMISSIONER NAMED FOR MOZAMBIQUE

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SUMMARY: GOP HAS NAMED VITOR CRESPO HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
MOZAMBIQUE. END SUMMARY.

1. NAVY LT. COMMANDER (TEMPORARILY "PROMOTED" TO RANK OF CONTRA-
ALMIRANTE--THREE STAR-- FOR THE POSITION) VITOR MANUEL TRIGUEIROS
CRESPO WAS SWORN IN SEP 10 TO NEWLY ESTABLISHED POST OF HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR MOZAMBIQUE, DEPARTING EVENING SAME DAY
FOR LOURENCO MARQUES (WITH STOPOVER IN LUANDA).

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2. DURING SWEARIN-IN CEREMONY CRESPO REFERRED TO LM REBELLION IN FOLLOWING TERMS: AFTER MANY YEARS OF WAR AND SACRIFICE "IT IS NATURAL THAT... A FEW OVERSEAS PORTUGUESE HAVE NOT YET BECOME FULLY AWARE OF THE IRREVERSIBLE ROAD" WHICH PORTUGAL IS TRAVERSING. IT WOULD BE MISTAKE, HOWEVER, TO INTERPRET IRRESPONSIBLE ATTITUDES OF A FEW FOR THE PROFOUND SENTIMENTS OF A PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED BUILD AND DEEPLY LOVE AFRICA.

3. RESPONDING TO REPORTER'S QUESTION, CRESPO STATED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR REBELLION WOULD BE TRIED. HOWEVER, HE RECOGNIZED THAT MANY PARTICIPANTS BECAME INVOLVED BY VIRTUE OF "A CLIMATE OF EMOTION WHICH WOULD BE REASONABLE TO UNDERSTAND."

4. CRESPO STATED THAT HIS NOMINATION AS HIGH COMMISSIONER IMPLIES THAT COMMAND CHANGES WILL SOON OCCUR. A NEW CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT MAY BE NAMED WITHIN A WEEK, FRELIMO BEING ITS MAJOR PARTICIPANT. CRESPO ALSO MENTIONED MOZAMBICAN DEMOCRATS, BUT ADDED THAT THEY DID NOT CONSTITUTE "PARTY" AS SUCH SINCE THEY SUPPORTED FRELIMO. CRESPO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER "PARTY."

5. FRELIMO WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN MIXED MILITARY COMMISSION RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING CEASE-FIRE.

6. COMMENT: ON EVENING AUG 22 FOLLOWING REGULAR TV NEWS PROGRAM, CRESPO APPEARED WITH FELLOW MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) AND COLLEAGUE ON COUNCIL OF STATE MAJOR MELO ANTUNES FOR 30- MINUTE INTERVIEW. MODERATOR (IN THIS CASE, SYMPATHETIC FEEDER OF APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS) WAS ALVARO GUERRA, LEFTIST DIRECTOR OF TV NEWS. THRUST OF PROGRAM WAS TO DENY "INSINUATIONS" THAT AFM FOLLOWED ANY POLITICAL LINE, THAT AFM'S OBJECTIVE CONTINUED TO BE ASSURING PORTUGAL A PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY, AND THAT THE AFM'S MEETINGS WERE PERFECTLY NATURAL AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE THE SUBJECT OF SPECULATION. DURING INTERVIEW CRESPO CAME ACROSS AS BUMBLING, INCOHERENT STRAIGHT MAN FOR ANTUNES WHO SEVERAL TIMES HAD TO WADE IN AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLARIFY OR REPHRASE ANSWERS WHICH CRESPO MUFFED. (GUERRA TOLD EMBOFF AFTERWARDS THAT CRESPO'S INARTICULATENESS DUE TO NERVOUSNESS.)

7. DIO DATA ON CRESPO: 42 YEARS OLD, MEMBER AFM COORDINATING AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES, AFM MEMBER ON COUNCIL OF STATE, MEMBER OF GOP NEGOTIATING TEAM THAT PRODUCED LUSAKA AGREEMENT WITH FRELIMO. CRESPO IS

ASSOCIATED WITH LEFT WING OF AFM. OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY
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